

Dribblers Open 21-Game Schedule Tonight

Lion Cagers Meet Susquehanna U. In First Test of 1949-'50 Season

By RAY KOEHLER

Two months of court preparation will reach its climax at 8 o'clock tonight when Coach Elmer Gross sends his two-platoons into action against Susquehanna University on the Rec Hall boards.

Students will be allowed to the game only by presentation of their AA Books.

Penn State is favored over the graduation-riddled Crusaders in the season opener and expect little difficulty in making the debut of its new head coach a success.

FAST BREAK

Coach Gross will mark the occasion by springing his darkly-veiled platoon system into action. Another innovation — and one which will probably send ex-mentor John Lawther into a double-take—will see the State quintet setting up a fast break.

Previously the trademark of Penn State teams had been the deliberate, set-play type; Gross still plans to use his plays, with or without a pivot-man, should his fireball methods wear out.

Notwithstanding the attraction of the two squads upon the floor, the tactics and mannerisms of the new coach will also be spotlighted. In comparison to State's former leader, Gross is almost drab.

SPIRIT

During previous seasons the fire and vehemence of Lawther stood out as vividly as did his teams. Gross is still as outwardly unemotional as when he captained State's greatest team.

Announcing his starting team late yesterday afternoon, Gross revealed an all-senior selection. Joe Tucci and Marty Costa, named co-captains, will both appear in the opening lineup.

Tucci and Lou Lamie will start at the forward spots with Lee Schisler, 6-foot 5-inch marksman, taking the center slot. Costa, who began almost every game last year as the tap man, has been switched to guard with Bob 'Whitey' McKown, Lis running mate.

Schisler and McKown have been promoted from the reserve ranks where they served for the past several years under Lawther. In point of service they, and Costa, are the real veterans of the outfit.

SECOND PLATOON

For his second squad Gross intends to use Frank Moore and Ted Panopolis at forward, Jay MacMahon at center, and Lloyd Amprim and Zeke Seidell at the guards. Mel Kates and Jack Storer will also be used as the occasion arises.

MacMahon, 6-foot 7-inch pivot man, Moore and Panopolis were all principal factors in Altoona winning the state junior college basketball championship in 1948-'49. Gross will uniform 17 men for tonight's game.

Last year Susquehanna won 6 while dropping 11. Sole survivors from that team are Dick Westervelt, of Bloomfield, N. J., and Jack Thorp, Athens. The remainder of the squad will be made up of Norm Fleisher, 6-foot 5-inch Lewistown freshman, Charlie Zlock, junior varsity high scorer, Bruce Wagner, Ed Wollaston, Ned Condon, and Jim Hazlett who also double as varsity football center.

Head Coach Alonzo Stagg, Jr., has lost his top point producer, Evan Zlock, who carried the team practically single-handed last year.

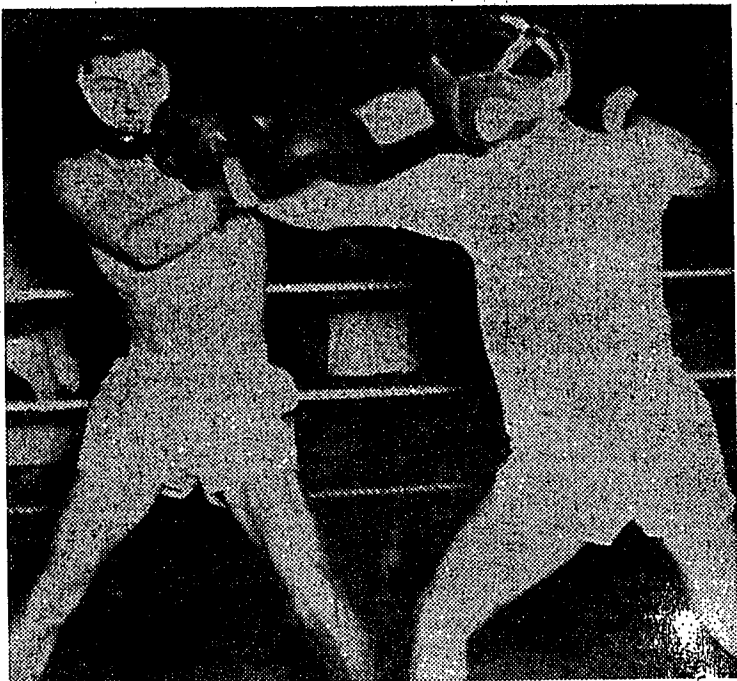
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Tom Lucas, Sigma Nu, (right) drives home a left jab to the head of Dick Brown, Chi Pi. in a 121-pound intramural boxing match in Rec Hall last night. Lucas won a decision.

10-Bout IM Mitt Show Featured by 2 TKO's

Harry Papacharalambous and Charley Wilson scored technical knockouts to highlight a fast-moving 10-bout intramural boxing program before 750 in Rec Hall last night.

Other winners were Vince Sakovitch, Kappa Delta Rho; Bob Gower, Alpha Tau Omega, Bob Briselli, Theta Xi; Milt Nemroff, Phi Sigma Delta; Tom Lucas, Sigma Nu; Al Porto, Phi Kappa; Charles Rodgers, Phi Gamma Delta, and Warren Cooper, independent.

IMPRESSIVE

Papacharalambous, Delta Upsilon, put on an impressive show in outboxing and outslugging Bob Winslow, Kappa Delta Rho, before referee Eddie Sulkowski stopped the bout at one-minute of the second round. Wilson, Alpha Gamma Rho, a hard-hitting light-heavyweight, made it even quicker over Delta Chi's Justus Baum, referee Glenn Hawthorne calling a halt to the festivities after 30 seconds of the middle cantor.

Papacharalambous boxed nicely through the first round and shook Winslow with lefts and rights to the body and several hard rights to the head. Little Harry staggered Winslow with a hard right uppercut at the start of the second, stalked him across the ring and was pummeling away to the body when Sulkowski threw in the towel.

WILSON JABS

Wilson took control in the second, opened up his man with a thumping series of left jabs and was scoring with a sharp one-two combination when Hawthorne stopped the contest.

Sakovitch and Gower, campaigning in the 165-pound division, registered impressive victories. Sakovitch gained a close decision over Sigma Chi's Mike Kurowski, while Gowers' out-slugged Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Chuck Myers.

After a dull first round, Sakovitch opened up with a one-two string to Kurowski's head. Sakovitch drove Kurowski across the ring with a hard left, but Mike

fought back with a stinging right to the jaw. Kurowski got the better of it, scoring with a left and right to the head after they had socked each other with long-range lefts and rights to the head in the third.

Gower was on top all the way as he banged to the head after weathering Myers' body attack midway through the second round.

Briselli, runner-up in the 155-pound independent class last year, outslugged Bill Nichol, Alpha Gamma Rho, in a rip-snorter. They started fast and were swinging from the heels when the final bell sounded. The shorter Briselli was the harder puncher, but he had to weather a storm of blows to get in close enough to work.

Runner-up in the 121-pound class last year, Lucas scored heavily with a thundering looping right hand in scoring a decision victory over Dick Brown, Chi Phi. After an even first round, Lucas took over with his right.

After a slow start, Nemroff banged out a close decision victory over Rudy Reid, Omega Psi Phi, in a 145-pound battle. Reid opened with three hard lefts to the jaw in the first, but Nemroff began working his right hand in the second and third rounds and scored with three right uppercuts to the head that shook Reid in the last round.

Porto was too fast with his feet and his left hand for Alpha Chi Rho's Bill Hogg. The cross-country star opened fast and was going at full blast when the final bell went off.

Rodgers dominated Phi Epsi-

Freebairn Rated with Best By Nittany Harrier Coach

By JOE BREV

One of the reasons for Penn State's very successful cross country season this fall was a tall, lanky junior from Philadelphia, Bob Freebairn.

Bob was one of the most consistent and best runners of the Nittany squad this year and according to Coach Chick Werner improved faster than any other man on the team. And considering the fact that the entire squad made tremendous progress during the recently completed season, it is apparent that Bob is really heading places. In fact, Bob has come so far that he is rated by his coaches as one of the top ten prospects in collegiate ranks in the mile and two mile divisions.

PUBLIC MILE CHAMP

Bob made his first appearance on the track scene as a member of the track and cross-country teams at Northeast High School in Philadelphia. As a senior he won the first big event of his career by capturing the Public High School Mile Championship of Philadelphia.

Upon graduation, in 1947, Bob decided to attend Penn State and like all freshman at the time was farmed out to an undergraduate center, which in his case was Swarthmore, near Philadelphia. Swarthmore had no cross-country or track teams so in order to keep in shape Bob and another member of this year's Nittany harriers, Capt. Bob Parsons, turned to lacrosse.

Bob came to the campus last year and, as a sophomore, made both the cross country and the track teams. He did nothing spectacular in the cross-country field but gained valuable experience and knowledge which paid off this year. Track, however, was another story. In his first year on the squad he returned to his native Philadelphia as a member of the winning four-mile relay team at the Penn Relays, the third straight year that the Nittany Lions have won that event.

BIGGEST THRILL

"That victory in the Penn Relays was the biggest thrill of my career," the 19-year-old junior explains. "It was the first time that I had ever won anything really big."

This year Bob was one of the top performers on the Lion hill-and-dale team and outside of the Michigan State meet was always among the first to finish. In the strong IC4-A and NCAA fields he finished 13th and 14th respectively, being the first Nittany harrier to finish in the IC. He is now rated at the top, along with Don Ashenfelter, on the Penn State cross country team and distance-runners. And this year's harrier team is one which the coaches call the best that Penn State has ever had.

ED MAJOR

Bob is in the School of Education, majoring in secondary education, and is a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. He stands at an even six feet and weighs 145 pounds. Very friendly, Bob is popular with his teammates and always has a quick smile and warm welcome for everyone.

"Just running for Penn State is a big thrill in itself," Bob claims. "It makes me feel good to be able to make the team."

It also makes the coaches and Lion fans feel good to have such a runner around and no one is shedding any team that he will be back next year, unless it is Penn State's opponents. But Bob's activities this year are far from being over. It is quite possible that he will compete in a few of the indoor invitational meets to be held this winter as a member of a relay team, aided by several of his teammates on the harrier team. And when Spring appears on the horizon and brings with it the outdoor track season, Bob will be a man to reckon with in the distance runs.

lon Pi's Norm Fryman to register an easy win in a 121-pound skirmish, while Cooper out-slugged Ronald Eagle in a 135-pound independent match.

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